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in a Plasma Generated in an Ion Source

Filed: September 27, 2001 Inventor: Victor M. Benveniste Attorney Docket No.: ETE-025

Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith for filing in the above-identified application the following:

- Response to Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application 1. (in duplicate);
- Executed Declaration, Petition and Power of Attorney (4 pgs.); 2.
- A check for \$130.00 for filing, claim and surcharge fees due; 3.
- 4. Copy of the Formalities Letter; and
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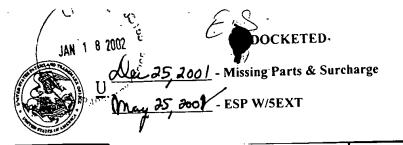
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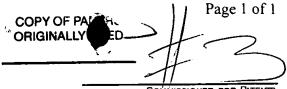
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